

May 22, 2007
Initial Proposal
Bugchuck Salvage Sale

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Clearwater Unit, is proposing a timber sale on State – owned portions of the following school trust lands:

Section 36 T.15N., R.15W. - *Common School*
Section 31 T.15N., R.14W. - *Common School*
and,
Section 6, T.14N., R.14W. - *State Industrial School*

The primary objective of this proposal is to salvage harvest lodgepole pine that has been, is currently, or will likely be, infested with the mountain pine beetle. Approximately 1.5 miles of road would be needed to access the unroaded portions of the proposed area. Harvest operations would be done in a manner consistent with the Montana D.N.R.C.'s mandate to produce revenue for the school trust. All actions taken would be in accordance with the Enabling Act, the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the State Forest Management Plan, and to contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by State Statute 77-5-222, MCA. Recently beetle killed and beetle infested trees would be salvaged. Additionally, other live lodgepole trees within harvest units would be cut in order to reduce the potential spread of the beetle population. Dead trees that no longer can be turned into wood products would be left as wildlife trees. Other species (Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, western larch, etc.) would be left provided they are not on newly constructed roads, skid trails or landing areas.

The area is known to provide habitat for White-tailed and Mule deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Lion, Black and Grizzly Bears.

This proposed sale could harvest up to 1 million board feet of timber. The proposed action is projected to be implemented in late fall of 2007 and would likely be finished by 2009.

In preparation for this timber sale, resource and technical specialists (such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists) would be consulted.

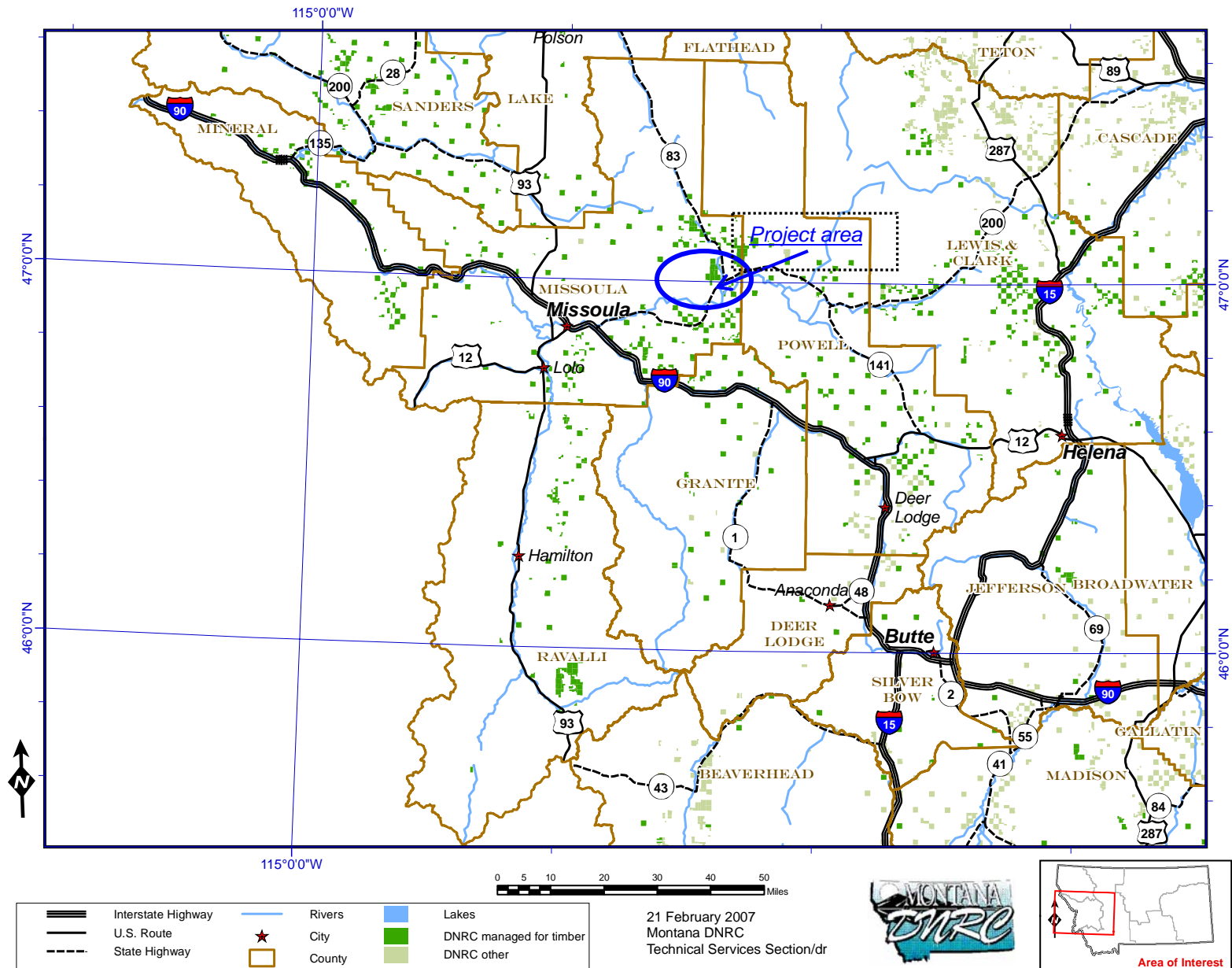
The Montana D.N.R.C. invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by June 27, 2007.

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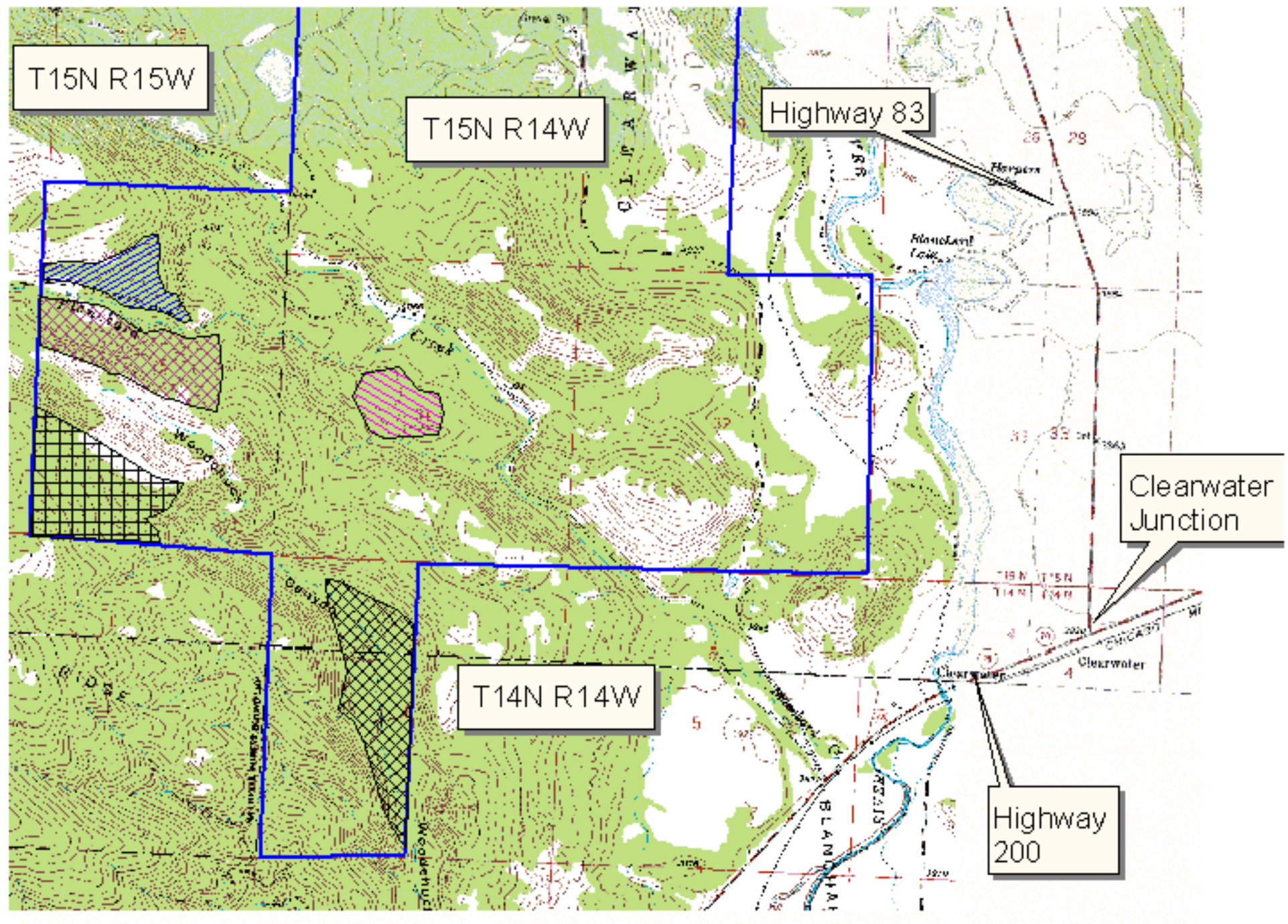
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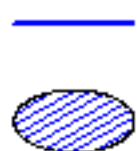


Proposed Bugchuck Salvage



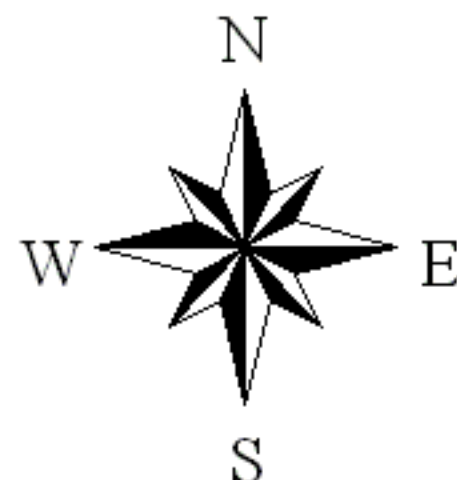
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DNRC Ownership

proposed harvest unit



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